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 Applicant(s) : John Adams
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 Art Unit : 3762
 Examiner : GETZOW, SCOTT M
 Title : FOCUSED COMPRESSION MITRAL VALVE DEVICE AND METHOD
 Customer No. : **66854**

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 37 CFR § 1.97 & § 1.98**

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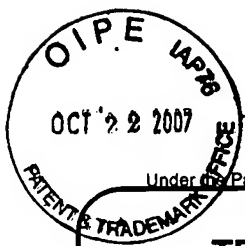
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